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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated February 6, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner stated the following:

The instant claims are to a rechargeable battery having a cover, the rechargeable battery comprising: at least one connecting pole comprising a pole shank inserted into a pole sleeve having an inner

surface, the connecting pole being sealably mounted in the cover such that the rechargeable battery is liquid-tight and gas-tight, the pole shank comprising a first section and a second section, wherein the diameter of the first section is smaller than the diameter of the second section; wherein the pole sleeve is electrically conductively connected to the pole shank and is held in a liquid-tight and gas-tight manner by the cover; wherein the first section of the pole shank is electrically conductively connected in a gas-tight and liquid-tight manner to the inner surface of the pole sleeve; and further comprising a sliding element provided between the second section of the pole shank and the inner surface of the pole sleeve such that the inner surface of the pole sleeve is not in contact with the pole shank.

The prior art does not teach the claimed invention. The most pertinent prior art has been presented.

With regard to Claim 1, the closest prior art, Quist (US 4,410,610) and Lund et al. (US 6,309,429 B1), as applied, does not teach or fairly suggest a rechargeable battery having a cover, at least one connecting pole comprising a pole shank inserted into a pole sleeve, the pole shank comprising a first section wherein the diameter of the first section is smaller than the diameter of a second section, wherein the first section of the pole shank, which is smaller than the second section of the pole shank, is electrically conductively connected to the inner surface of the pole sleeve. The closest prior art also does not teach or fairly suggest a sliding element which is provided between the second section of the pole shank and the inner surface of the pole sleeve such that the inner surface of the pole sleeve is not in contact with the pole shank.

Because the prior art does not disclose the claimed invention or provide teachings that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to find the invention obvious over the prior art, the claims are allowed.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the